

SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
November 20, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Douglass
Kim Hill
Nonie Welsh

GUESTS PRESENT: Luan Thomas
Dr. Robert Shrewsberry
Stewart Prost

The meeting was called to order. A motion was made to approve the agenda. It was seconded and all voted in favor. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 2013 meeting. It was seconded and all voted in favor, none opposed. There were no public comments.

Dr. Shrewsberry greeted the committee with a hello and a goodbye, explaining that he is retiring after 33 years of service at SEVTC. When he came here there were 101 admissions and 103 discharges each year. After five years or so the trend changed because there were no community vacancies. The current plan is to close all the state facilities except SEVTC. The projected dates may have to be altered because of the same lack of community vacancies, especially in the Northern Virginia area. He also noted that some families want their family member to stay in state facilities which may result in moves from facility to facility.

He explained the physical plant changes also. Buildings 1, 2 and 3 will be demolished and the staff currently using those building will move into a new administration building that will be built where cluster 1 used to stand. The remaining land has been sold to Armada Hofler or the city of Chesapeake for light industrial development.

He concluded by thanking the committee for their state service. As a member of the planning committee he knows how important their contribution is to conveying the morals and expectations of the community into the work of this Center.

Mr. Prost told the committee to expect Daily Divine community program at the December meeting where they will present their program and ask for affiliation with this committee.

He also said the annual and quarterly report forms will change. The affiliates will receive the new version when they are ready. The state committee is also developing a template for LHRC appeals.

The committee went into executive session pursuant to the Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A (4) for the purpose of reviewing limited or restrictive behavioral programs.

A motion was made to accept the information given during closed Executive Session and go into open session. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Upon reconvening in open

session, each member certified that, to the best of each their knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session were discussed in the executive session.

A motion was made to approve the programs reviewed at the current meeting. It was seconded and all voted in favor.

Alpheus Arrington III has resigned his position on the committee. Mr. Douglass suggested the committee could be well served by a family member of someone currently receiving services in the community. Ms. Thomas will submit a request at Tidewater Volunteer specifying a member who has a family member currently receiving services. If the vacancy continues into January Mr. Douglass will discuss this at the affiliates meeting.

The next meeting will be held on December 18, starting at 9:00 am in building 3.

If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact Luan Thomas at 424-8305 or by email at Luan.Thomas@dbhds.virginia.gov. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mark Douglass, Chairperson

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013

AGENDA:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of previous minutes
4. Public Comment
5. Remarks from Advocate
6. New Business
7. Adjournment